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#### Fair tonight, with probably heavy frost; tomorrow fair,

# AVENUE PROPERTY British Naval Disaster Costs

Commissioners Prepare Estimates for Congress.

TOTAL OF OVER \$19,000,000

Center Market Site and Building Not Included.

SQUARES IN DETAIL

Valuations Made by District Assessor and the Surveyor-Allowance for Good Will and

Machinery.

#### Commissioners' Valuation of Avenue Properties

Land .....\$11,923,000 Improvements ... 6,460,000 Good will, machinery, etc.

(about) ..... 917,000

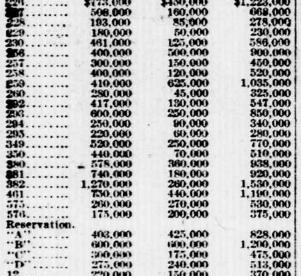
Total .....\$19,300,000

The Commissioners of the District value the land and improvements in that section of the city from 3d street to 15th by the Commissioners and announced today, was included in a report made to Vice President Fairbanks this morning in eral of the men were killed by the imresponse to the Senate resolution of February 21 directing the Commissioners to of the disaster at daylight today, and report the price of land and all improvements within the boundaries mentioned.

Included in Heyburn Bill.

This territory because of its location has been strongly advocated as the site for an extension of the Mall upon which sorts when the disaster occurred. The to erect a number of government build- entire fleet was under masked lights, and ings, and its purchase is provided for in in the absolute darkness the Tiger was the Heyburn bill now pending in Con- suddenly struck square amidships by the gress. It has also been pointed out that Berwick. The stem of this vessel, to use purchased by the government without stroyer in two as if she had been made delay, as it is steadily increasing in value. Those advocating the proposition declare that much money can be saved by buying the property now instead of waiting sev-

Immediately upon receiving the resolu-tion from the Senate the Commissioners report as could be made with the means Whin their power. The surveyor of the District and the assessor, separately, made a thorough and painstaking examination of all of the properties in the blocks mentioned. The Commissioners made the following estimate of the lowest purchase price of the property question, arranged by squares:



Totals...\$11.923,000 \$6,460,000 Center Market Not Included.

In the report the Commissioners say: "It is believed that a small percentage | breakwater. should be added to this estimate to make up for a small allowance which would undoubtedly have to be made for good will in some business properties. machinery on which little or no salvage would be obtained and other similar items. Possibly 5 per cent of the total would cover these necessary allowances, making the total estimate about \$19,300,000. "It is noted that the property known as Center market is not called for in the Senate resolution and is not included in the foregoing estimate."

### STUDENTS BACK WATER.

Strikers Agree to Return to Their Studies at New York. Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, April 3.-The striking students of New York University capitulated this morning and agreed to return to their studies unconditionally, after a meeting during which both sides were heard. The man chiefly instrumental in bringing about the change of heart is Edward Relbiris, an alumnus of the class

Rolbiris was very popular in the college minister was conscience-stricken and he during his student days and was one of did not remain for the wedding supper. the university's most prominent athletes. Then he prepared a special sermon from His influence is still felt among the under- the twenty-third chapter of Jeremiah graduates. He gave the students some and delivered it to his congregation. plain talk, pointing out where they had been foolish and hasty, and at the close the boys looked sheepish.

Dr. Stevenson, the oldest professor, and a great favorite with the students, paved the way to a better understanding of things in an address in which he said that Arthur A. Young, president of the junior class, was not resting under any cloud, and that nothing has been proved against him, but was simply under suspension as representative of the junior class. Suspending Young, he explained, was like suspending the entire class. The boys will go back to their studies this afternoon. The students went on strike yesterday when Young was suspended in connection with the hazing of Henry Block, a fresh-

Negro Dies After Becoming White.

Special Dispatch to The Star. CANTON, Ohio, April 3 .- Eugene Crawalmost a clear white. Recently he com-

Thirty-Six Lives.

TIGER SUNK BY BERWICK

Twenty-Two of Her Fifty-Eight Men Rescued.

SHAM BATTLE IN THE DARK

Cruisers and Torpedo Boats Were All Running Without Lights. Men Had No Chance.

PORTSMOUTH, England. April 3.-Thirty-six men, including Lieut, Middleton, commander of the torpedo boat destroyer Tiger, lost their lives in the collision off the Isle of Wight last night between that vessel and the British cruiser

The vessels belong to the Portsmouth division of the British home fleet, and were engaged in night maneuvers in the channel while on their way to Portland. The night was very dark and the Berwick was steaming slowly. When the destroyer attempted to cross the big cruiser's bow she was caught amidships and cut in half with knifelike precision, sinking almost immediately.

Sunk by Oilskins.

The deck crew, who were dressed in heavy oilskins and boots, went down with the vessel, not having time to free themselves from these heavy incumbrances. Of the twenty-two men who were rescued most of them were engineers and stokers, who, having light clothing, were able to street and from Pennsylvania avenue keep themselves afloat until boats from northwest to B street southwest at other ships, which were immediately launched, picked them up

The collision occurred at 8:10 o'clock last night. The ships were maneuvering without lights. It is believed that sev-Tugs were dispatched to the scene pact. divers will make an attempt to recover the bodies of the men who were drowned.

#### Attempts at Rescue.

The smaller naval vessels were in the it is imperative that this land should be the words of an eye-witness, cut the deof paper. The forward half sank instantaneously and the sea became dotted with struggling men. Most of them, however, mank before help could reach them. The warships in the immediate vicinity quickly had their boats overboard and took action looking toward as definite a the scene of the tragedy was brilliantly illuminated by a concentration of search-

lights. The after pertion of the Tiger sambling amendment attached, was prefloated for a minute or two just long enough to enable those on board to seize life belts. They threw themselves into the water and were able to keep afloat unti! picked up. William E. Middleton port of progress and a request for inwas on the bridge at the time of the disaster and went down with the fore part of the ship. The Tiger had a complement of fifty-eight men and was of 400 tons.

Scalded and Drowned.

An officer who was an eyewitness to the sinking of the Tiger gave the following account of the accident:

"The first we knew that anything had happened was when we saw a flash and heard a loud report. This we supposed to be a gun. In reality, however, the flash and the report resulted from the sea water reaching the boiler room of the Tiger, inducing an escape of steam which other provisions of the bill. must have scalded to death everybody that it touched. The men in the stokeholds must have met a fearful end. It was horrible to see the forms struggling in the water. Many of the men went under just as help was within their reach. \$18,383,000 as the wreck lies in too deep water." The Tiger was in a serious accident last September, when during night maneuvers

> PASTOR CONDEMNS HIMSELF. Innocently Officiated at Marriage of Divorced Couple.

Special Dispatch to The Star. GARRETT, Ind., April 3.-Because he innocently officiated at the marriage of a couple both of whom had previously

been divorced the Rev. Harry B. Stevens, pastor of the Baptist Church, resigned today and will abandon the min- should be assessed as benefits; that the istry to become an exile as a missionary jury should assess as benefits the full When the young preacher was called

upon Saturday night to tie the nuptial knot for Leonard Wignot, a Fort Wayne shoe merchant, and Lucy Miller of this city he proceeded in the conventional

When it was all over and the couple was happily united in the "holy bonds of wedlock" the clergyman discovered, in signing the certificate, that both the bride and bridegroom had been previously wedded and both divorced. It was too late to retract, but the

Toward the close he made reference to his own violation of the scriptural passage, and during the prayer that followed he sobbed and his wife wept. Women of the congregation were touched by the scene and wept in

sympathy. Now the Rev. Mr. Stevens has declared himself unfit to preach the gospel and has resigned the ministry.

## MAJ. HANCOCK'S CASE.

President Mitigates His Sentence of trict of Columbia. Dismissal.

After consultation with Gen. Bell, chief authority to pay without any appropriaof staff, today the President mitigated the sentence of dismissal imposed by courtmartial in the case of Maj. William F. Hancock, Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at Fort Barrancas, Florida, so as to reduce that officer to the foot of the list of majors of the Coast Artillery Corps and ford, a negro, recently underwent a mys- to retain him in that place for the remainterious cuticle transformation, becoming der of his active service in the army, Maj. Hancock now stands No. 19 in his ance with the recommendations of the plained of a peculiar nervous ailment and him to No. 46. He was convicted of viowas taken to Aultman Hospital for treat-ment. The physicians discovered that in all intoxicating liquors and was senhe was suffering from a rare and peculiar tenced to be dismissed. Maj. Hancock is



#### TRACK GAMBLING to the bill as will insure of the title to the land.

SENATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE WOULD PROHIBIT BETTING.

Consideration of the Bill for Widening Benning Road-House Measure Needs Amendment.

The House bill for the widening of Benning road, with the anti-race track sented this morning by the Carter subcommittee of the Senate District committee to the full committee, with a rerected to report the bill and such pending amendments at the next regular meeting of the committee. Several representatives of the race track requested a hearing on the amendment relating to gambling, but the committee unanimously decided not to grant the hearing.

So far as could be learned the committee was unanimously in favor of the Sims anti-gambling amendment. It is understood that this was informally discussed, but that no definite action was taken upon it pending the further consideration by the subcommittee of the

### Acquisition of Land.

road is substantially the same as a Senate bill upon which Senator Carter pre-I do not think that there is any hope of pared a report a short time ago. Upon ENLISTED MEN ON SUBMARINES salving the Tiger or recovering the bodies, the presentation of this report a question was raised as to the acquisition of the title by the government to a strip of land some thirty feet wide owned by the Washington Railway and Electric comshe piled herself upon the Portland pany, which will be within the northerly wo-thirds of the Benning road as the bill proposed to extend the same. The House bill does not make any specific provision for the acquisition of title to this strip. and it is a question in the minds of the committee members wnether the property now being devoted to a quasi-public purpose is subject to condemnation for another public purpose. That question was pending before the subcommittee when the House bill was referred to it. As to the Senate bill, the Senate com-

mittee had previously agreed to an amendment providing that all damages amount of damages, together with the cost of the proceeding, and further that the Washington Railway and Electric Company should be required to operate through cars to Oklahoma avenue, and to place its tracks in the center of Benning road within ninety days after the coad shall have been widened according to the provisions of the bill.

### Appropriation Agreed To.

An appropriation was agreed to that District from the assessments for benefits. Under date of March 25 Commissioner Macfarland forwarded to the chairman of the Senate committee, Mr. Gallinger, a communication from Auditor Tweedale of the District calling attention to a defect in the House bill for the widening of Benning road, in that this bill, as it passed the House, falled to make any appropriation to carry its provisions into effect.

The auditor holds that the language of the bill as it passed the House does not make any appropriation or authorize the payment of money from any funds. The language of the bill is: "That there is hereby authorized to be

expended from the revenues of the Dis-This language, the auditor holds, is not an appropriation of money, but merely

tion to meet the payment. The Senate committee still adheres, as

pected to confer with the street railway the value of about \$100,000.

to the bill as will insure the acquisition Favorable Reports Ordered.

The committee this morning instructed

able report to the Senate on the Gallinger bill authorizing the Washington Market Company to construct an overhead track siding from the railroad yards west of

> 12th street southwest, in to square 328, which is bounded by 11th, 12th, E and F streets southwest, and to procure by purchase or lease all of a part of that square to conduct thereon a cold storage business and to manufacture ice, also to lay a conduit pipe line for the purpose of bringing water directly from the river. The committee amended this bill so as to provide that no change should be made in the present grade of 12th street, and

> above the curb of fourteen feet. Senator Gallinger was instructed to report favorably without amendment a bill to regulate the establishment and maintenance of private hospitals and asylums in the District. This makes it necessary such institutions. whether they are the reception of human beings or domestic animals, to secure a license from the Commissioners, and provides, among other things, for inspection of such institutions by an agent of the health depart-

> A bill for the relief of pensioners of the metropolitan police fund was ordered favorably reported. This appropriates about \$16,600 from the District revenues to pay the amount withheld from pensioners of the police fund on account of deficiencies between June 30, 1894, and May 31, 1896.

## The bill for the widening of Benning LILLEY FILES AN AFFIDAVI

OF THE HOLLAND COMPANY.

Ferry's Testimony Regarding Bowles of Fore River Shipbuilding Company Contradicted.

Representative George Lilley of Connecthe special committee of the House is investigating charges against the Electric winter of 1902 he served in the United determined stand in case such a propo-States navy in the capacity of chief elec- sition is seriously broached. trician; that during that time "he served upon the submarine torpedo boats Fulton. Shark, Adder, Moccasion, Porpoise and Plunger, all of which torpedo boats were Next One to Be Such for House Disat that time owned by either the Holland Torpedo Boat Company or its successor, the Electric Boat Company, and none of to pay the costs, to be repaid to the said submarine torpedo boats were sailors the local gas act of 1896, for half-past 10 in the service of the United States Navy wages from the Holland Torpedo Boat Thursday, April 9. Company; and that they performed full service in their individual capacities, so This last-named bill is considered by that it was not necessary for the Holland members of the committee as one of the Torpedo Boat Company or the Electric most important that has been up this ses-Boat Company to independently employ sion, inasmuch as the question of the fees men to do and perform the services performed by said sailors.

to enlisted men. Ferry's Testimony Contradicted. from John C. Lake, vice president of the exists. Lake Torpedo Boat Company, dated Tomorrow morning the subcommittee on Bridgeport, Conn., March 16, to the ef- streets will meet and endeavor to clear to the House bill, to the conclusions sentative of the Bridgeport Brass Com- mittee have been all over town of late. reached previously with reference to the pany, in which Ferry told him that Presi- looking at the various properties which Senate bill on the same subject, and dent Bowles of the Fore River Shipbuild- would be affected by these bills, and are this morning directed the subcommittee ing and Engine Company had asked him ready to act upon them. to prepare an amendment in conformity (Ferry) to use all influence possible upon The committee also has before it-alwith those suggested; and further, to pre- a Connecticut congressman to induce him though it is not expected that action or pare an amendment to the House bill not to use his influence in favor of the even consideration of any of them will be making appropriation of money necessary Lake company and to use it in favor of possible next week-a number of importo carry the same into effect in accord- the Electric Boat Company; if he was tant measures, including the public util-

## UNION STATION TRACKAGE BILL

TIME TOMORROW.

Proposition to Regulate the Lines by Interstate Commerce Commission Expected as Compromise.

their 6fth meeting at 2:30 o'clock tomorthat the overhead track have a clearance interstate commerce commission.

> ng on the questions of regulation and universal transfers. It is true that Representative Sims, the minority member of the committee of managers on the part of the House, who has been the greatest thorn in the sides of the Senate conferees, at first raised the issue of the location of the tracks, but it is understood that so much weighty authority was brought to bear on the House conferees on this point that they are willing to yield in favor of the Senate bill as to track location.

It is further rumored that an agreement to eliminate the universal transfer feature of the bill, put on in the House. will be reached. The regglation feature, however, is likely to cause the most trouole, and if no agreement should be reached at the coming session it will undoubtedly be because of this House provision. The position of the House is that th roads should be regulated by the District Commissioners, and an amendment to this effect was incorporated in the bill at the instance of Representative "Pete" To Be Made a Crime in the District Hepburn of Iowa. This the Senate conferees will not agree to for a minute; but a counter-proposition to increase the control which the interstate commerce commission already has over the District icut, author of the resolution under which street railways has been advanced, it is said. Rumor says that this compromise section is not as drastic as the House amendment, but that it has the virtue of Boat Company, today placed in evidence being acceptable to the Senate conferees an affidavit dated March 12 and signed and at least in part to the House con by Carl Foster, residing in Bridgeport, ferees. As for the rallroads, while they Conn., who swore that during the fall and prefer to see this feature entirely eliminated, yet it is said they will not make a

trict Committee.

Next week will be a busy one with the House District committee. A prohibition which at that time was owned by the hearing has been set for 10 o'clock Mon-United States government, and that dur- day morning, April 6; a hearing on the ing said period many of the crew of the bill to repeal the stock inflation clause of and received from the United States gov- o'clock Wednesday morning, April 8, and ernment their pay as members of such a hearing on the bill to fix fees in the service, and in addition thereto received Probate Court, for half-past 10 o'clock

which shall be fixed by law is one of vital lette bill in its original form. Today the This statement was offered in substan- interest to property owners and others committee changed the section so as to tiation of Mr. Lilley's charges that the having business in the Probate Court. read that "contributory negligence" (in-Electric Boat Company has paid money The bill in question contemplates an in- stead of "slight" contributory negligence) crease of fees in some particulars and, more important, a general adjustment to employer and of the employe and allow to Mr. Lilley also presented an affidavit bring about more uniformity than now the employe such sum of money as shall

fect that about two years ago he had an up about a dozen street-opening and interview with Charles Ferry, a repre-for action. The members of the subcom-

Senator Long of Kansas to make a favor- CONFEREES MEET FOR FIFTH

The Senate and House conferees on the Union station truckage bill will begin for reaching an agreement. A new proposition is expected to be formally considered, which is in the nature of a compromise that it is believed will be acceptable to both branches. This is regulation of the street railway lines by the

### A BUSY WEEK.

constitutional. NEW YORK, April 3.-The proposition

successful in this the Fore River com- ities measure and the Olcott child labor approved by the board of estimate today. Senator Carter's subcommittee is ex
Bridgeport Brass Company for goods to necessary on this last-named measure.

Dany would make contracts with the bill. It is expected that hearings will be on the public service commission to sub
long illness. Mr. Roche was appointed Although the District committee has a mit forms of contracts for digging the to Berne in April, 1907. Previous to that officials with a view to acquiring the Mr. Ferry, in his testimony before the crowded time ahead of it Chairman new subway. Mayor McClellan and Con- he was American consul at Genoa. Mr. thirty-foot strip of land owned by the committee Wednesday denied that Presi- Smith has suggested to the members that troller Metz opposed the action on the Roche was born in Ireland in 1847 and disease known as vitiligo, which caused the change of color and ultimately weakened his heart, so that he died last night.

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# HILLS ARE IN PARIS HOLD-UP IS RESUMED

warmer.

by Ambassador White.

HE MEETS PRINCE RADOLIN DELAY HOUSE BUSINESS

Him in Berlin.

AMERICAN EMBASSIES ABROAD INFORMAL CONFERENCE HELD

Old Problem of Their Purchase Again Legislative Proceedings Consisted Mooted-Advantages of Such Ownership.

PARIS. April 3 .- Mr. and Mrs. David Under the leadership of Representa-Jayne Hill met the Prince and Princess tive John Sharp Williams of Missis-Radolin at the reception given by Ambas- sippi, the leader of the minority in the sador White yesterday afternoon. Dr. House, the filibuster of yesterday, which Hill is the ambassador designate of the resulted in the House remaining in ses-United States to Germany and Prince Radolin is the German ambassador to France. Both the prince and the princess proposition of which, under the rules, manifested particular cordiality to Dr. he could avail himself, and consequently Hill, the prince conversing with him for fifteen minutes and assuring him that the reception accorded him in Berlin would The minority leader started the filibuster be all the warmer on account of the unagain immediately after the House confortunate affair of a few days ago. Dr. and Mrs. Hill will return to The Hague, where Mr. Hill is American minister, Monday nex.t.

Dr. Hill has heard nothing of the Washington report that he is to replace Whitelaw Reid as American ambassador to Great Britain, and he does not credit the

Purchase of Embassies.

The impression holds here that the Hill incident will help the movement in Congress for the purchase of befitting residences for the American ambassadors and thus put an end to the comparisons between the embassies occupied for the ambassadors, the national dignity would be not only enhanced, but the distinction resulting from the personal wealth of the ambassadors would in a large measure disappear.

Japan Got in First.

Regret is expressed in Paris over the report from Berlin that the Japanese government has stolen a march on Washington by arranging to purchase the present residence of Ambassador Tower in Berlin, it being understood that Washington had made inquiries and intended to buy this property if Congress granted the authority. Should the Bacon amendment appropriating \$400,000 for an American embassy in Paris pass it is considered likely that the government will purchase the property now occupied by Ambassador White:

BRAZIL AND THE FLEET. Roosevelt Expected to Visit Rio de

Janeiro. RIO DE JANEIRO, April 3.-The mayor of Rio de Janeiro in his annual message gives expression to the gratification caused by the visit of the American fleet. The mayor says that the national and municipal authorities joined in extending a warmly enthusiastic welcome to and up to 3 o'clock this afternoon the the vessels and the officers and men, and in arranging in their honor those public celebrations which confirmed once more the friendship and political solidarity existing between Brazil and the United

It is reported here that President Roosevelt will visit Brazil after the expiration of his term of office.

President Roosevelt, according to statement made at the White House today, has concluded no plans to govern himself when he once more becomes private citizen. It was stated that as yet he has not taken under consideration the possibility of a trip to South America. 'It is too early to give serious thought as to what will be done when the President retires from office," was the answer given to the question as to whether he should visit Rio Janeiro when he becomes an ex-President of the United States.

### HABITUAL DRUNKENNESS

at Instance of Commissioners.

Chairman Smith of the House District committee today introduced, at the inmake habitual drunkenness a misde- any length must be allowed to consume meanor in the National capital. Punishment for this offense is provided in the shape of a fine of not more than \$100 and incarceration in the hospital for inebriates of the minority, denies that the affray for not more than two years, or both the fine and incarceration. The bill also authorizes the Commis-

sioners to use the old main building of the Washington Asylum as a hospital for inebriates. LIABILITY OF EMPLOYERS.

Amends the Sterling Bill. which in an amended form the House ju- day, which ran far into the night. Both clary committee agreed Wednesday by a vote of ten to seven, was reamended today, that committee, by a vote of eleven parliamentary struggle which was soon

vete. Seven democrats combined with

House Judiciary Committee Again

four republicans to make up the majority The clause amended today is that relating to contributory negligence. Last clause so as to conform with the La Fal-"shall not be a bar to recovery, but the jury shall apportion the negligence of the

Representatives Littlefield of Maine. Parker of New Jersey and Bannon of Ohlo will file a minority report declaring vicinity of 300. He did not seem to enthe section as amended today to be un-constitutional. Joy Mr. Fitzgerald's reference. Every-body else did.

New Subway for New York.

to build a new subway from the Battery to the Bronx under Broadway and Lexington avenue, to cost \$60,000,000, was

They Attend a Reception Given Democrats Filibuster Under Lead of Williams.

Assured a Cordial Reception Awaits Republicans May Bring in a Drastic Rule.

Simply of a Succession of Roll Calls.

sion until after 10 o'clock last night, was resumed today. Mr. Williams demanded roll calls on every conceivable up to the time The Star's report closed absolutely nothing had been accomplished.

vened. He demanded the yeas and nays on the approval of the journal, and again immediately afterward, on a motion to go into committee of the whole to consider the urgent deficiency bill appropriating \$2,000,000 and which had been urged by the Secretary of the Navy for immediate passage in order that he might not be forced to make any further discharges of navy yard employes.

The fact that Mr. Williams included this measure in the democratic filibuster occasioned some surprise on both sides of the House. The idea of the republican majority being forced, by reason of democratic time-killing tactics, to work over time for the passage of a bill to keep a considerable number of workingmen in minority members as being a very wise by the successive representatives of the move. At the same time they had prom-United States. With permanent homes ised the minority leaders to help along the filibuster and they stuck to their

Charged With Bad Faith.

Representative Fitzgerald of New York accused Secretary of the Navy Metcalf of not having kept faith with the House. He recalled the Secretary's statement before the appropriations committee to the effect that the \$2,000,000, in question was necessary at once if a large number of mechanics in navy yards were to retain their positions, and declared that despite the fact that the deficiency bill had passed both the Senate and House, and there was excellent prospect of its soon becomhig a law, the Secretary had gone to work and furloughed a large number of men

for periods up to ninety days. Chairman Tawney of the appropriations committee replied to Mr. Fitzgerald's remarks in a somewhat sarcastic vein He said that Secretary Metcalf was formerly a member of the House of Representatives and probably realized that, in view of the dilatory tactics of the democrats it would be safe for him to continue the employment of all the men in question in the hope that the deficiency

bill would become a law in time to meet the payment of salaries when due. There were two or three more roll calls on this same bill. John Sharp Williams successfully opposing every attempt at a short-cut on the part of the republicans.

proceedings in the House amounted simply to a succession of roll calls. May Bring a Rule.

This afternoon the republican leaders in the House held an informal conference, and it is understood that in case the democrats continue the present filibuster a drastic rule will be brought into the House by a majority of the committee on rules, under which the House machine may be speeded, filibuster or no filibuster.

Only a Skirmish. Leaders of the two parties in the House of Representatives agree that yesterday's mish preliminary to an extended battle in which the democratic minority expects to fight out to a finish its program of endeavoring to secure by coercion certain legislation demanded by it and in part recommended by the President, and the republican majority will abandon its defensive attitude and carry the war across the border. For the struggle both forces will strip for action, and all such impedimenta as private bills and minor legisla-

tion in general will be cast aside and trampled under foot. Five of the big appropriation bills are vet to be disposed of, and as the fighting plan of the minority is to compel action on selected measures by blockading all stance of the Commissioners, a bill to action, neither minor bills nor debates of

time remaining. Mr. Williams' Explanation.

Representative Williams, the leader was in the nature of a filibuster. He declared today that the democrats were not filibustering. but "are intent upon a serious and highly commendable effort to force the republicans to do one of two things: either pass certain measures which most of them are personally in favor of, and which a republican Presiden has urged, or suffer themselves to be recorded openly and individually as op-There was a slim attendance of mem-

hers when the House convened today, The Sterling employers' liability bill, to due to the strenuous session of vester-Messrs. Payne and Williams, the mawere on hand prepared for the further to six, reversing itself. It was not a party again under way. The partisans on both sides were evidently determined to con-

duct the fight to a finish. "Roasts" the President.

During the filibuster proceedings on the floor of the House today Representative Wednesday the committee amended the Fitzgerald of New York managed to secure seven minutes time, which he devoted to a "roast" of the President. He spoke of Mr. Roosevelt as "insincere and hypocritical," and made fun of the horseback test prescribed by the Chief Execu-

tive for officers of the army. "Heavens!" cried Mr. Fitzgerald. "what a spectacle would result if the President should order my colleague from New be in proportion to the ratio which his York, Mr. Payne, to mount a horse and negligence bears to the negligence of the go over the steeplechase course at Chevy Chase to prove his fitness to be the leader of the republican majority in this House. Mr. Payne weighs somewhere in the

CONSUL TO BERNE DEAD.

James Jeffrey Roche of Massachusetts Dies After Long Illness. BERNE, Switzerland, April 3 .- James Jeffrey Roche, the American consul at

on the public service commission to sub- long illness. Mr. Roche was appointed

Weather.

# DESTROYER CUT DOWN